



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Animal Welfare (Amendment) Act 1997

No. 45 of 1997

An Act to amend the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*

[Notified in ACT Gazette S264: 19 September 1997]

The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Animal Welfare (Amendment) Act 1997*.

Commencement

2. (1) Sections 1, 2 and 3 commence on the day on which this Act is notified in the *Gazette*.

(2) Sections 4 and 5 commence at the expiration of a period of 6 years after the date on which subsection 24A (1) of the *Food Act 1992* is, or provisions of that Act that include that subsection are, described in Schedule 2 to the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992* of the Commonwealth.

(3) The remaining provisions commence on a day, or respective days, fixed by the Minister by notice in the *Gazette*.

(4) If a provision referred to in subsection (3) has not commenced before the end of the period of 3 months commencing on the day on which this Act is notified in the *Gazette*, that provision, by force of this subsection, commences on the first day after the end of that period.

SCHEDULE—continued**Principal Act**

3. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the *Animal Welfare Act 1992*.¹

Insertion

4. After section 9 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:

Battery hens

“9A. A person shall not keep hens for the purpose of egg production in a battery cage system.

Penalty: 100 penalty units or imprisonment for 1 year, or both.”.

Defence—approved codes of practice

5. Section 20 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in subsection (2) “section 9A,” after “under”.

Insertion

6. After section 75 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in Division 1 of Part VII:

Public access

“75A. The Authority shall ensure that a copy of any report received by him or her under subsection 89 (1) is available for public inspection free of charge at the office of the Authority.”.

NOTE**Principal Act**

1. Reprinted as at 31 January 1996.

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